

Annual Meeting Minutes - Open Source Matters, Inc. Board meeting 14 November 2012

Attendees:

Mike Carson, Ofer Cohen, Javier Gomez, Alice Grevet, Paulo Griettner, Dianne Henning, Sandy Ordenez, Paul Orwig, Jacques Rentzke, Marijke Stuivenberg, Radek Suski, Sarah Watz

Excused: Thomas Hampton

Quorum: Yes
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### I Review of OSM Board of Directors motions brought to the floor via the email list

*See appendix*

### II Treasurer's report

The ad on the downloads page is generating steady income.

OSM's legal and accounting representatives report that it is possible to change our tax registration so as to no longer pay New York city or state taxes. Some follow-up from the Treasurer may be needed.

OSM made a donation in the amount of \$5000 to the Software Freedom law center.

Sponsorship is up this year over last year. The demo hosting account has done well, surpassing budgeted revenue. Expenses are under budget as well.

Some tax systems make it difficult to donate without an invoice from OSM. More can be done to facilitate giving. The Capital Committee is aware of this. Hopefully as the Think Bigger concept grows, many web agencies will take the initiative to offer services and resources, or donate to a fund to help worthy causes.

There is general agreement that more conference attendees should be helped by a scholarship fund, or through travel vouchers.

### III New Business

#### a 2013 Goals

All OSM members are asked to add their goals to the Google doc so that it can be finalized quickly. Paul will post a blog with the goals.

#### b Survey

The community survey on 2013 project goals (<http://community.joomla.org/blogs/leadership/1689-2013-project-goals-survey.html>) has been extended into November with a link on the Joomla Community Magazine. The survey has been translated into 5 languages. Results will be posted soon.

### IV Reports

#### a License, Trademark, and Copyright Committee

The trademark revision process is moving along. Changes to policy and the simplification

of processes are due in early 2013.

**b Events team**

The Events team is thinking about where improvements can be made, and how to reach more people. Ideas for 2013 include sending at least one leadership member to each Joomla Day, and increasing the amount of OSM funding for JDays.

Countries are being studied for the Joomla World Conference 2013 that do not require a visa for entry.

**c Internationalization**

Goals to make 2013 a year for internationalization and communication:

1 – It takes about 130 hours for one translation team to translate major releases, and most teams are being carried by a few people. Increasing the number of translators would reduce time. Links for people get involved locally would help. Improved translation tools and some funding to make that happen should be explored with the TT group.

2 – Now that we have it, using the multi-lingual function makes sense, with one central frontend area to avoid registering on different sites. A process could be created to push articles where they need to go. We would reach a lot more people and j.org would get translated very quickly this way.

**d PR & communications**

Communications goals for 2013: a streamlined communications channel for Joomla community members of all kinds, the creation of a blog for external groups with press releases and information for the general public, the creation of an advisory board, and a beginner's road map to help people get oriented and involved more easily.

***Dianne made a motion to end the meeting. Alice seconded.***

**Reference documents and appendix:**

**Board motions taken on the email list**

- 1 **Motion:** Open Source Matters approves funding to facilitate the attendance of Matias Aguirre to attend the Joomla World Conference.

**By:** Javier Gomez

**Seconded:** Paul Orwig

**Date:** October 23, 2012

**For:** 8

**Against:** 0

**Quorum:** Yes

**Result:** Motion approved

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*Prepared by Alice Grevet (Secretary of the board of Open Source Matters, Inc)*